

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Official Action of October 12, 2007. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims

Claims 1 to 32 were pending in this application for examination. Claims 6, 14 and 26 were merely objected to but indicated in section 3 on page 3 of the action as containing allowable subject matter, with the suggestion of rewriting into independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims are either canceled without disclaimer or prejudice of amended to be placed in condition for allowance, so that a response to the merits of the initial rejection is unnecessary.

As an overview, and specifically, rejected claims 16 to 20 and 29 to 32 are canceled; claim 1 amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and allowable claim 6, claims 2 and 6 are thus canceled, claims 3 to 5 are amended for dependency, and claims 7 and 8 retained. Similarly, claim 9 is amended to include the subject matter of claims 10 and allowable claim 14; claims 10 and 14 are thus canceled, claims 11 to 13 amended for dependency, and claim 15 retained. Moreover, claim 21 is amended to include the subject matter of allowable claims 22 and 26, claims 22 and 26 are canceled, claims 23 to 25 are amended for dependency, and claims 27 and 28 retained. Thus, all of the pending claims remaining are allowable.

Priority Acknowledgement

It is noted that the initial Action acknowledges receipt of the priority document and the supporting priority papers.

Specification

In view of the indication of allowable subject matter, the specification has been reviewed to prepare this application for final printing. A substitute specification is provided correcting minor matters of form, syntax and usage. No new matter is added. A red-lined copy of the specification is provided for comparison. It is noted in this respect that the drawings were accepted as filed.

Information Disclosure Statement

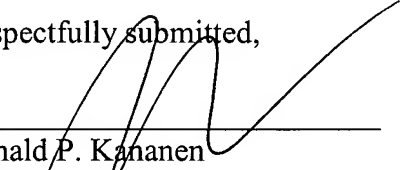
The Action was accompanied by an initialed form showing consideration by the examiner of the documents submitted in the two IDS papers as filed.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2961 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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